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Theodore K. Johnson Elected Chairman

Theodore K. Johnson has been elected chairman of the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System Board of Trustees. Mr. Johnson, president of Hadley Exhibits, Inc. of Buffalo, was appointed to the Board in 2011 and will serve a one year term. Johnson is a former president of the Children's Growth Foundation, and former executive committee board member of the Buffalo Ski Club and Buffalo Yacht Club.

Frank Housh, Esq. of Housh Law Offices, PLLC in Buffalo, was elected vice chair for a one year term. Mr. Housh is chair of the Western New York Lawyer Chapter of the American Constitution Society, and an active member of both the New York State Bar Association and the Bar Association of Erie County. Mr. Housh is also a writer and member of the National Book Critics Circle.

Rhonda A. Ricks, Ph.D. was elected treasurer for a one year term. Dr. Ricks is president/CEO of Inclusion Development Associates, Inc. She is vice president of the board of trustees for the Niagara Freedom Station Coalition for Michigan Baptist Church and a member of Elim Christian Fellowship.

Kathleen Berens Bucki was re-elected secretary for a one year term. Ms. Berens Bucki is a librarian. She is a member of the American Library Association, the New York Library Association, and the School Librarians' Association of Western New York.

Executive Committee members: **Michael Amodeo, Esq.**; **Sheldon M. Berlow**, associate broker, Pyramid Brokerage, Inc.; and **Sharon M. Kelly**, attorney, Hodgson Russ LLP; as well as officers Theodore Johnson and Frank Housh. As a past chair, **Sharon A. Thomas** also serves on the Executive Committee as an ex officio member. Thomas is chief clerk for Buffalo City Court.

Additional trustees of the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System Board include: **Alan J. Bedenko**, partner, Feldman Kieffer, LLP and a writer; **Katie Burd**, trustee, Kenmore Village; **Frank Gist**, retired Buffalo firefighter and owner of Greater Buffalo Bail Bonds Agency; **Teresa Glanowski**, product manager, Independent Health; **Phyllis A. Horton**, retired educator; **Elaine M. Panty**, retired City of Buffalo Water Authority; and **Wayne D. Wisbaum**, partner, Kavinoky Cook, LLP.

Buffalo & Erie County Public Library trustee emeriti are W. Lawrence Buck, Richard O. Hopkins, the Hon. Salvatore R. Martoche and Rebecca L. Pordum.

In 2014, the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System's total circulation was 7,397,296.

The total door count was 3,345,904 and there were 819,788 public computer sessions logged by patrons. The Library System has more than 2.6 million materials available for borrowing including books, eBooks, DVDs, music and more. Free library card applications can be downloaded and taken to any of the local public libraries for processing. A valid form of identification and proof of address is necessary. For more information call 716-858-8900 or visit www.BuffaloLib.org.

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